

# vENDOR BULLETIN

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## **Employment Supports and Services Workgroup Update – Center based, group supported and individual support services rates**

By Ed Rapoport, Business Operations Administrator

The Employment Supports and Services Workgroup was established to develop and propose recommendations for employment supports and services. The Workgroup began service design development on March 16, 2004 and completed the formal recommendations activities on June 29, 2004.

The Division has taken these recommendations and in collaboration with Mercer Consulting, is in the final stages of setting rates for centered based, group supported and individual supported services. Rates will be available in March to a select provider group chosen as early adopters. By the first of April the rates will be in draft and shared with all providers. A public posting and comment period will follow before the rates are finalized.

## **Review and Comment Postings - Qualified Vendor Applications and Rate Schedules**

By Antonia Valladares - Administrative / Operations Business Manager

On the Division's website ([www.azdes.gov/ddd](http://www.azdes.gov/ddd)) under Public Review / Public Comment, Amendments 8 and 9 for RFQVA 704011 are available for review and comment.

Also Amendment 2 for RFQVA 704014 and the most recent changes to the Rate Schedules are posted.

## **211 Initiative – Health and human service provider information and referrals**

By Barbara Brent, Deputy Assistant Director

The Division and Department are working on the Governor's 211 Initiative. This will provide a single statewide Internet based source for information and referrals to health and human service providers. Providers, consumers and Division staff will be able to access the web-based system, which has an initial target date of April 2005.

## **Transition – To home after a short term hospitalization**

By Barbara Brent, Deputy Assistant Director

The first workgroup meeting on dealing with successful transitions for consumers to home after short term hospitalization was held in February. The meeting went very well and the focus on the workgroup centered on psychiatric inpatient settings and other behavioral health services.

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